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RESPONSE YOUR TELEX 375 OF SEPTEMBER 10 WE WISH COMMENT
ON LOCAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION AS REGARDS
TORRINGTON S.P.A. OCCUPATION BY WORKERS OF TORRINGTON
PLANT HAS BECOME MOST VISIBLE SYMBOL OF LOCAL ECONOMIC
CRISIS. POLITICAL FORCES OF ALL PARTIES AND AT ALL
LEVELS INCREASINGLY COMMITTED TO FINDING SOLUTION TO
TORRINGTON SITUATION WITHOUT LOSS JOBS. OUR BEST
ESTIMATE SITUATION IS THAT CONTINUATION OF ACTIVE DIALOGUE
BETWEEN TORRINGTON AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY
COUNTERPARTS DECREASES POSSIBILITY RESORT BY ITALIAN
SIDE TO PLANT REQUISITION OR OTHER EXTREME MEASURES.
CESSATION OF DIALOGUE, HOWEVER, COMBINED WITH FLUID
POLITICAL SITUATION, COULD CAUSE RESORT TO UNDESIRABLE
PROCEDURES AND AT LEAST WILL PROLONG PLANT OCCUPATION
WITH INCREASING SYMPATHY OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES. WE
RECOMMEND TORRINGTON CONSIDER ALL REASONABLE OFFERS
THAT MIGHT LEAD TO SATISFACTORY SOLUTION SITUATION
INCLUDING SALE OR LEASE PRODUCTION FACILITIES WITH
ADEQUATE COMPENSATION.

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